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THE WRETTCHES.

If there is no law for the punishment of the fellows who put these "Jack the Ripper" stories in circulation one should be enacted as soon as possible, and vigorously enforced. Salt Lake City is as free from rough characters as it has been at any time during the past ten years, and yet something of a reign of terror exists in the minds of timid women and faint-hearted men. Nobody has been assaulted in a manner which could not be readily accounted for, and people are as safe as ever in their homes or on the street; but rumors of the presence of a fiend armed with knives and bent on cutting and carving folks are flying about, and the alarm has become widespread. It is proper enough for girls and women to be indoors after nightfall, unless they are protected by male escorts, but it is all wrong to frighten them with such tales as are being told. It would be well if the police were to hunt down the authors of some of these fabrications about assaults and outrages, and expose them. Meanwhile the public may be assured that there is no occasion for feeling alarmed or experiencing terror. There is no "Jack-the-Ripper" here, and nobody is going about assaulting and slashing people in a spirit of pure senselessness and out of simple love for such doings. About the worst miscreants who afflict the city are the wretches who alarm the timid by inventing the raw-head-and-bloody-bones tales which have filled the air lately.

ABUSING EMMA AGAIN.

The preachers of Tennessee will never forgive bright and courageous little Emma Abbott for reading the riot act to one of them in his own church last year. It will be remembered that at Nashville, a Rev. Candler, from the pulpit, grossly assailed opera singers, charging them with immorality and with leading innocent people astray. He exhorted his hearers to avoid the opera house as they would any other evil place. It so happened that "Honest Emma," who was singing in Nashville at the time, attended church that morning, and when she could endure no more of the minister's slanders, she "talked back" as only an indignant woman can talk. It created a good deal of a sensation, and the great majority of the people applauded the little lady for administering a rebuke to an impudent, ignorant and brutal preacher.

Emma Abbott is again in Tennessee, or was there last week, when the ministers combined their forces in making the assault. A week ago last Sunday, her tenor, Montegriffo, the well remembered "Griff," sang with the choir in Calvary Episcopal Church, Memphis. The rector, Dr. Burford, thanked Montegriffo for his kindness, and a local newspaper in mentioning the circumstance, contrasted the action of Dr. Burford with that of the Nashville minister, and spoke of the former as "not a purblind bigot." The ministers who had sustained Candler in his assault on the stage, thereupon held a meeting in which they denounced Emma Abbott and sharply criticised Dr. Burford, and among other things impugned the virtue of women who go on the stage. The pronouncement was duly signed and issued. The Abbott company went on singing, the opera house being crowded nightly, and Dr. Burford, whose congregation is the wealthiest and most aristocratic in the city, stood by his action. At last accounts, Abbott was decidedly ahead financially, and had gained considerably in public favor, while the ministers were being denounced for their impudent and unwarranted interference. Dr. Burford's congregation stood by him, and many members emphasized their position on the question by attending the opera, a thing they had not done for years.

There are some ministers, those of the "purblind bigot" order, who will never learn that they bring themselves into contempt and do the cause of Christian religion no good by their foolish assaults upon the stage and attacks on play people. It is useless to fight the stage—that is to say, the drama and the opera. There is too much enlightenment in the world, too much intelligence, for the words of a preacher charging immorality against the drama or the opera, to have any convincing force. Intelligent communities have long since accepted it as a fact that the drama is educational and civilizing, and all the preachers in Christendom cannot convince a man of

sense and education that it is wrong or demoralizing for him to witness the performance of a good drama. Therefore, the "bigots," for so they are, might as well cease their denunciation of the stage and confine themselves to the stage people, and in this be careful not to overdo the business and hurt themselves more than they do those they attack. When a minister charges the women who go on the stage, without distinction, with lacking in virtue and morality, he not only displays inexcusable ignorance, but declares himself a wicked slanderer, and a disgrace to his calling. He can say that some of the play women are bad—that a good many of them are impure; and he can say the same thing of the women in every walk of life. It comes out every day or so that some female member of the church goes astray; because of this fact should an actor get up in a theatre and denounce the church as immoral? There are on the stage as pure women as can be found anywhere, and going on the stage does not make them immoral. The minister who denounces vice where he finds it, whether on the stage or in the church, and who praises virtue on the stage as he does the same thing in the church, is the one who is best entitled to serve in the profession; he does most good and least harm.

AN ELECTRIC STREET RAILWAY.

After all the petitioning, the discussion and the promises in regard to a modern and improved street railway system for Salt Lake City, it begins to look as if something were about to be done. For three or four years there has been talk of cable roads and electric tramsways, and every system ever thought of or applied has been suggested for here, and we don't recall how many associations have been formed and how many charters asked for in this connection. That wind only was at the bottom of most of the enterprises was generally understood, and people have had very little confidence in the projects. A HERALD representative encountered Mayor Armstrong, yesterday, the latter having just returned from a business trip east where he went for the purpose of examining the improved systems of street railways, with the view to the adoption of the one best adapted to the requirements of this city. The Mayor has satisfied himself, and as a result he proposes to propel his cars by electricity, using the Thompson-Houston patent. Aside from the large expenditure of money required for transforming the old horse road into an electric line the improvement should prove of immense and immediate benefit to the city. It will show progress and that Salt Lake is abreast of the times. Of all our old foggy institutions, we doubt that there is one which strikes the visitor as more antiquated than the street railway, with its cars running every half hour, from breakfast time until the fowls go to roost. It is amusing, if it is sometimes humiliating, to listen to the comments of the stranger on city transportation service which would be proper enough in Mexico but is entirely behind the age in the United States.

Mayor Armstrong and associate owners of the street railway will ask the City Council for some relief as an inducement to remodel and modernize their lines. As we understand it from the Mayor's conversation recorded elsewhere, what is desired are an extension of the franchise and a reduction of the taxes. As the Council has ever been liberal in the encouragement of enterprises which will benefit the city, it will undoubtedly do what is right by the street railway company in this matter. It will be worth much to the community to have a first-class electric railway, and will be a long step in the march of progress.

IN PHILADELPHIA they have an expeditious way of disposing of their criminals, or those of them caught, which does one good in these times of the law's delays. Patrick Bradley was arrested on the charge of luring young girls to ruin under the pretense of employing them as house servants. He was placed on trial, his guilt established beyond a doubt, and the court promptly sentenced him to imprisonment at separate and solitary confinement in the penitentiary for a period of twenty-nine years and eight months. It was just a week from the time the crime was reported to the officers until Bradley entered upon his long term of terrible imprisonment. Such expedition in all our courts would have a good effect.

THE TAXES of Nye County, Nev., are \$3.50 on the \$100. It pays a man to be a tramp over there.

The First Fatality.

NEW YORK, January 27.—The first fatality in connection with the surface railroad strike in Brooklyn is reported to the police to-day. The body of Henry Adams was found beside a statue on the Ninth Avenue line. John Wamaker admitted to-night that he went to the strikers' stables to talk with Adams to induce him to leave the strikers. He was arrested.

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- 1100—5x10 rods, small brick house, on North Bench. 102
- 2500—5x10 rods, on Third South Street, near Main, rents for \$40 per month. 106
- 3300—6x25 rods, 2-room brick house, on corner Sixth East. 107
- 3200—5x10 rods, 4-room brick barn, fruit, etc., near Liberty Park. 112
- 4500—6x7 1/2 rods, corner Third West and Third North, large house and fine bowling well. 113
- 15000—165x330 feet on First South Street, with 8-room house, city water, gas, etc., and prospective business property. 115
- 5500—5x10 rods, corner Fourth and I, nice house, trees, etc. 121
- 3000—5x10 rods, 4-room adobe house, on Fifth East, opposite Exposition Building. 123
- 15400—4x160 feet, on West Temple, near Second South, prospective business property. 124
- 1550—5x10 rods, on Third South, with fine orchard, nice view. 42
- 2500—10x9 rods near Liberty Park. 31
- 450—5x5 rods near Liberty Park. 32
- 1800—5x10, corner Fifth and K Streets. 36
- 1200—5x10 rods, on Second Street, beautiful view. 71
- 5000—One whole block on North Bench. 11
- 1500—10x10 rods, on North Bench, fine view of city and entire valley. 4
- 1600—16x10, on North Bench. 5
- 4500—165x330, on East Bench, on brow of hill. 7

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